
**Biological evaluation of medical
devices —**

**Part 2:
Animal welfare requirements**

Évaluation biologique des dispositifs médicaux —

Partie 2: Exigences relatives à la protection des animaux



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10993-2:1992), which has been technically revised.

ISO 10993 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Biological evaluation of medical devices*:

- *Part 1: Evaluation and testing*
- *Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*
- *Part 3: Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity*
- *Part 4: Selection of tests for interactions with blood*
- *Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*
- *Part 6: Tests for local effects after implantation*
- *Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals*
- *Part 9: Framework for identification and quantification of potential degradation products*
- *Part 10: Tests for irritation and delayed-type hypersensitivity*
- *Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity*
- *Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*
- *Part 13: Identification and quantification of degradation products from polymeric medical devices*
- *Part 14: Identification and quantification of degradation products from ceramics*
- *Part 15: Identification and quantification of degradation products from metals and alloys*

- *Part 16: Toxicokinetic study design for degradation products and leachables*
- *Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances*
- *Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*
- *Part 19: Physico-chemical, morphological and topographical characterization of materials*
- *Part 20: Principles and methods for immunotoxicology testing of medical devices*

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Introduction

The goal of the ISO 10993 series of International Standards is the protection of humans in the context of the use of medical devices.

This part of ISO 10993 supports the goal of the ISO 10993 series by promoting good science through paying proper regard to maximizing the use of scientifically sound non-animal tests and by ensuring that those animal tests performed to evaluate the biological properties of materials used in medical devices are conducted humanely according to recognized ethical and scientific principles.

The application of such humane experimental techniques, including high standards of animal care and accommodation, both help to ensure the scientific validity of safety testing and enhance the welfare of the animals used.

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Part 2:

Animal welfare requirements

1 Scope

This part of ISO 10993 is aimed at those who commission, design and perform tests or evaluate data from animal tests undertaken to assess the biocompatibility of materials intended for use in medical devices, or that of the medical devices themselves. It specifies the minimum requirements to be satisfied to ensure and demonstrate that proper provision has been made for the welfare of animals used in animal tests to assess the biocompatibility of materials used in medical devices.

It also makes recommendations and offers guidance intended to facilitate future further reductions in the overall number of animals used, refinement of test methods to reduce or eliminate pain or distress in animals, and the replacement of animal tests by other scientifically valid means not requiring animal tests.

It applies to tests performed on living vertebrate animals, other than man, to establish the biocompatibility of materials or medical devices.

It does not apply to tests performed on invertebrate animals and other lower forms; nor (other than with respect to provisions relating to species, source, health status, and care and accommodation) does it apply to testing performed on isolated tissues and organs taken from vertebrate animals that have been euthanized.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10993-1:2003, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions given in ISO 10993-1 and the following apply.

3.1

alternative method

any test method that replaces an animal test, reduces the numbers of animals used, or refines the procedures applied

3.2

animal

any live non-human vertebrate, excluding immature forms during the first half of gestation or incubation